



Nothing has been done to alleviate the grassland sump at 174th Street and Crenshaw. Councilman Nick Drae points to the jungle that an unpaved street has created. Recently the City Council voted unanimously to force the subdivider to put in curbs and gutters in this area. City officials feel that the sump is a problem for the State of California to take care of since this area is on a State highway. Until some action starts, residents are faced with the sump in their own front yard. Press Photo

Receipts Up 25%

Postal receipts for 1951 through Dec. 21 are 25% ahead as compared with the whole year of 1950, Mrs. Clara Conner, Torrance Postmaster revealed today.

From Jan. 1 through December 21, the total postal receipts were \$211,638.62. For the whole year of 1950, January 1 to December 31, the total receipts amounted to \$168,928.32.

"That means with ten more days to go this year," said Mrs. Conner, "the Torrance Post Office has taken in \$42,710.30 more this year."

During December, 1950, \$26,427.87 was taken in. For 21 days of December 1951, receipts have totaled \$32,439.15. Assistant Postmaster Lou Deining estimated that receipts for the complete month of Dec., 1951 would total \$37,000.

Other figures released by Deining showed that October, November, December quarter, this year with ten more days to go in the current month far exceed the 1950 figures. Figures in this period for 1950 were \$56,983.33. The 1951 figure with ten more days in the month is \$70,308.48.

Luncheon Served At North Torrance

The Executive Board of the North Torrance Elementary PTA was hostess at a luncheon for the teachers and school personnel of the North Torrance Elementary School in the spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. Barton Davidson recently.

Snow-encrusted Santas, reindeers, snowmen, and Christmas angels carried out the holiday season, and the "Ohs and Ahs" evoked the delight of guests present which included: Mesdames Bolinger, Willis, Loomis, Goldsmith, Marchant, Surace, Hardesty, Cole, Robinson, Pilgrim, Hedgecock, McKelvy, Massie Bergman, Ross, Sale, Schindele, Hale, Odell, Walker, Mangial, Babb, Fagnano, Matson, Kelly, Payne, McBee and Davidson, and Misses Kent, M. Marshall, Park, and O. Marshall, and Messrs. Robison, Schick, Ackerman, Clounch, Genter, Evans, Mullaney, McBee and Davidson.

Serious Injury Escaped by Man

Thomas W. Walsh, 30, of Manhattan Beach escaped serious injury when his car veered off Lomita Blvd., east of Hawthorne Blvd., last week, police reported. He was treated for bruises at Harbor General Hospital. His late model sedan, which ploughed through a fence and wound up in a ditch, was damaged.



Children Exchange Presents at School

NORTH TORRANCE — Christmas parties were held in each room at the North Torrance Elementary School, prior to the holiday vacation, Santa Claus (PTA sponsored) was on hand to pass out sacked candy to the children.

The room mother chairmen and room mothers were on hand to assist with the parties. Each room had a tree and the children exchanged gifts.

Man Attacked by 5 In Restaurant

Five men launched a sudden, unprovoked attack on him while he was sitting in a cafe at 320 S. Pacific Ave. last week, police were told by Sam Keller, 27, of 1707 W. 236th St., Torrance.

The victim said they knocked him to the floor, kicked and beat him. Then they fled.

He was treated at San Pedro Receiving Hospital for cuts and bruises.

Demolay Mothers Hold Annual Party

The Demolay Mothers of Torrance selected the rumpus room of Verberg's Dairy for their annual Christmas party last ytek. Fifty-six guests were served a turkey dinner in a dining room decorated in a Christmas theme, said Mrs. E. Swigart, member of the groups advisory committee.

After dinner there was dancing and games. Later in the evening the guests gathered around the Christmas tree and exchanged gifts from a grab-bag.

Mrs. Swigart said that the party was a huge success and that the Demolay Mothers are looking forward to next year's party.



Inmates Prepare Gifts for 700 Kids

Gifts to 700 children from the women inmates at the County Jail were going out today as children at Juvenile Hall, General Hospital, First Street Day Nursery, Baseline Homes Project and other institutions were scheduled to receive toy animals and dolls made by inmates during the last year.

"We feel that perhaps one of the best means or rehabilitating our prisoners is to let them do something for someone else — someone who happens to need their help," commented Sheriff E. W. Biscailuz.

The animals and dolls, which in some cases were the child's only present, ranged from large stuffed animals for active children to the small dolls and puppies for children in the polio ward who are unable to hold a large toy.

Also going out as part of the women inmates contribution to the Holiday program were some 5000 filled stockings for prisoners and underprivileged children.



Torrance Soldiers Hurt In Action

The holiday season was an unhappy one for two families. Their sons were wounded in action, according to reports by the Department of the Army today.

The wounded men are Private First Class William K. Clayton, Jr., brother of Otis O. Clayton, 1419 Acacia Ave., and Private First Class Henry A. Mounts, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Mounts of 453 W. 213 St.

Sewer Installation Ordered By Board

KEYSTONE — Supervisor Raymond V. Darby announced today that the board of supervisors has ordered the county engineer to prepare plans and specifications for installation of sewers on 223rd St. between Normandie ave. and Meyler ave.



Torrance Passes Sobriety Tests

Even though Judge Otto Wille didn't make threats that everyone who took a drink this year and got behind the wheel would go to jail, Torrance residents did not go overboard in Yule drinking, it was reported today by the local Police Department.

Police reported that they cleared the streets of only 10 drunks, including one drunk driver in an area with an estimated population of more than 30,000.

Despite the temptations of office parties and usual Christmas eve celebrations, Torrance had one of its quietest holiday seasons in years, Police reported.

Oldtimers point out that their initial move to start the Adult Recreation building was made by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and Superintendent of Maintenance and Construction for the City, Dal Riley.

Songwriters Hold Torrance Meeting

The National Federation of Songwriters will hold their next meeting Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. at 1926 Arlington in Torrance, it was disclosed today by Velda Pifice in charge of publicity.

Leo Leonard announced that methods of instilling music appreciation in youth will be discussed. Other topics which will receive attention include pony races for small fry and miniature horse shows.

The meeting will conclude with a regular new song session.

Supervisors Okay Torrance Sewers

Two project for installation of sanitary sewers — one scheduled for the vicinity of Hawthorne, and the other in the Torrance area — were given the go-ahead signal recently, when the Board of Supervisors adopted the Resolutions of Intentions and gave instructions for preparation of plans and specifications.

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby reported that one project will consist of sewer installations in Inglewood Avenue between the Pacific Electric Railway right of way and El Segundo Blvd., near Hawthorne.

The second job is slated for 223rd Street between Normandie Avenue and Meyler Avenue, in the vicinity of Torrance.

Rev. Heath Speaks at Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church of Torrance will have as their guest speaker Sunday night, Rev. Bill Heath from Sierraville, California. Heath went up the high Sierra's and opened up a Church that was closed for 35 years. He has worked with the American Sunday School Union since his graduation from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

Heath has an exceptional way with young people. He has preached for Youth For Christ rallies up and down the Pacific coast. The service will start at 7:30 p.m. with a good musical program preceding the message by Mr. Heath.

Outdoor Christmas Event Sponsored

A touch of winter in the air added color to the outdoor Christmas program given by the 186th Street P.T.A. on last Tuesday morning at the school grounds. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Claud Hill and the inspirational message "Air Lift Santa Claus" was read by Mrs. Louis Gadal.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was read by Mrs. Mary J. Hawks, school principal after which she presented the school children in a playlet "Christmas at Home." It depicted three scenes, Early Christmas Eve, Later Christmas Eve and Christmas morning.

The cast was supported by musical numbers from the Primary Carolers, the Junior Choir and the Glee Club. Taking part in the playlet were Lynn Allen, Lois Van-Hoosier, Bob Brannon, Joella Hill, Albert Brown, Linda Willard, Herbert Branam, Rodney Collins, Lynn Douglas, Valerie Tomilowitz, Joey Weber and Bruce Sutherland.

Climaxing the day at 186th Street School was the children's Christmas party at 1 p.m. given by the P.T.A. Each room had a ten cent gift exchange after which, amidst Christmas wrappings and ribbon, the children were served ice cream and cookies by their room mothers.

Christmas Carol Presented on TV

U. S. Steel made its initial venture into television Christmas Night with the distinguished actor, Sir Ralph Richardson, starring in Charles Dickens' beloved story, "A Christmas Carol". The program was seen via coast-to-coast NBC-TV.

Internationally famed as one of England and America's outstanding actors, Richardson made his dramatic debut on television in the role of Scrooge.

An all-star cast of featured players has been chosen for "A Christmas Carol". Among them are Arthur Treacher, Melville Cooper, Margaret Phillips, Alan Napier, Robert Hay Smith, Norman Barrs and Malcolm Keen.

For the purpose of the special water bond election, Torrance has been divided into 31 precincts. Some of the precincts keep their natural boundaries. Others are split.

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